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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* contains summaries of all LDs and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the First Regular Session of the 129th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by Legislative Document (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each LD title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. An appendix provides a summary of relevant session statistics.

Final action on each LD is noted to the right of the LD title. The following describes the various final actions.

CARRIED OVER..... carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature
CON RES XXX..... chapter # of constitutional resolution passed by both houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE..... Committee of Conference unable to agree; legislation died
DIED BETWEEN HOUSES..... House & Senate disagreed; legislation died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... defeated in each house, but on different motions; legislation died
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT..... action incomplete when session ended; legislation died
EMERGENCY..... enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days after session adjournment
FAILED, EMERGENCY ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... emergency failed to receive required 2/3 vote
FAILED, ENACTMENT or FINAL PASSAGE..... failed to receive final majority vote
FAILED, MANDATE ENACTMENT..... legislation proposing local mandate failed required 2/3 vote
HELD BY GOVERNOR..... Governor has not signed; final disposition to be determined at subsequent session
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW..... sponsor's request to withdraw legislation granted
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... ruled out of order by the presiding officer; legislation died
INDEF PP..... indefinitely postponed; legislation died
ONTP, ACCEPTED, MAJORITY, MINORITY or REPORT X... ought-not-to-pass report accepted; legislation died
P&S XXX..... chapter # of enacted private & special law
PUBLIC XXX..... chapter # of enacted public law
RESOLVE XXX..... chapter # of finally passed resolve
VETO SUSTAINED..... Legislature failed to override Governor's veto

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature is Thursday, September 19, 2019. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure may be found in the enacted law summary for that legislation.

Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 726 An Act To Make Sales to Area Agencies on Aging Tax-exempt

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
MCCREAD JACKSONT	OTP-AM	H-56

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides an exemption from the sales and use tax to area agencies on aging, as designated by the Department of Health and Human Services, and public and private nonprofit agencies that are operating under grants provided by the department, that provide social services in order to secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment for older people capable of self-care with appropriate supportive services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-56)

This amendment adds an exemption from the service provider tax for sales of taxable services to agencies that the bill makes eligible for a sales tax exemption.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 731 An Act To Amend the Maine Tax Laws

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R	ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to amend the Maine tax laws.

LD 732 An Act To Provide a Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Career and Technical Student Organizations

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TIPPING R LUCHINIL	OTP-AM	H-391

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

Joint Standing Committee on Taxation

This bill provides a sales tax exemption to nonprofit career and technical education student organizations recognized by the Department of Education.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-391)

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 863 An Act To Exempt Diapering Products from Sales Tax

CARRIED OVER

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
TEPLER D VITELLIE	OTP-AM ONTP	H-212

This bill was carried over on the Special Appropriations Table from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill provides a sales tax exemption for disposable and reusable diapers for children, including diaper covers, wraps and diaper pins that are used with reusable diapers.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-212)

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, incorporates a fiscal note.

This bill was again carried over, still on the Special Appropriations Table, to any special session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, S.P. 788.

LD 903 An Act To Improve Corporate Tax Fairness by Amending the Rates Imposed on Corporate Income

ONTP

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
CUDDY S CHIPMAN B	ONTP	

This bill was carried over in committee from the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature by joint order, H.P. 1322.

This bill establishes two new tax brackets and three new rates for corporate income tax purposes for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. Under the bill, corporate income between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 is taxed at the rate of 8.5% and corporate income between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 is taxed at the rate of 8.75%; such income is taxed under current law at the rate of 8.33%. The top tax rate, which is imposed on corporate income over \$3,500,000, is increased from 8.93% to 9%.